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"Lord! How oft shall my brother sin
against me and I forgive him? till seven
times? I say not unto thee, until seven
times, but until seventy times seven."

These blessed words have been uppermost
in my mind ever since the receipt of your
letter dated from Weymouth on the 5th Feb.
It is now the 4th of March the day of
your President's inauguration - it is the
afternoon. I have just returned from
a visit to Rochester, in the County of
Kent, where I have been trying to revive
the Anti-Slavery feeling in the City,
where I delivered my first Antislavery
Lecture. I have put a light to my
study fire - have counted the minutes
from now till post time, and will
spend them all in scribbling to you,
my own dear friend. It is difficult
to communicate with you, for I am
dreadfully oppressed by the recollection

of my shamefully ungrateful conduct. You have promised me an act of oblivion. I joyfully accept it. You will perhaps expect me to give the reasons why I have not written. I cannot send you any, for I have none. Your own letter contains the best apology that could be offered for my silence. I adopt it.

What shall I now gossip about? Suppose I begin with home. Near to the room in which I am writing is my beloved Mother, whom some of your relations have seen. She will be 82 in May, yet she is full of vivacity, with a memory unimpaired, a judgment clear and strong, and a capacity to enjoy life equally with the youngest, joined to a constant apprehension of the nearness of death, and a perfect willingness to depart when the Master shall say, "Friend, come up hither." Near me also are my wife and daughter Amelia. The former, somewhat of an invalid just now. She is busy amongst Berlin wools and patterns of centres and borders. My daughter is reading "Logic

for the Million," one of many dry books
in wh. she delights to study. My son Herbert
is also at home, and about to take a situa-
tion in an office. Some time ago he con-
ceived a ~~passionate~~ ^{passionate} desire to follow
a seafaring life, and I sent him a voyage
to Quebec. He returned rather less enamored
of a sailors occupation than while reading
your Cooper and our Maryat and has
just consented to settle down into a
land lubber. Our eldest daughter conti-
nues very happy in the discharge of mat-
rimonial duties, and sends us glowing de-
scriptions of her domestic joys, to which a
truly beautiful boy largely contributes.

Since the last general election my own
pursuits have been of a quiet and, ge-
nerally, private character. If disposed
to relinquish the platform, & the business
of an agitator, I might find sufficient
employment, and some profit besides, in
an insurance company with which I am
connected, and to the concerns of wh. I have

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recently devoted a good deal of my time. I cannot say, however, that such business yields me much satisfaction, or appears to me my most "appropriate sphere." While engaged in it I am still writing for the "way to open" that I may renew my labor in the cause of the slave.

Within the last three months I have accepted a number of invitations to lecture on American Slavery, and have had large and enthusiastic audiences. On the 4th and 8th of this month I shall be lecturing on the subject in the town of Basingstoke, in Hampshire. I have intimated to my friends that I am willing, to the extent of my opportunities, to deliver addresses on Slavery, and I dare say I shall be very often called upon. You may be sure that as often as I speak upon the question of Am. Slavery I shall aim to do justice to my friends in Boston, and their friends every where.

The Estlins have been in town & I have had some pleasant seasons with them.

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Last Sunday Sarah Pugh joined the circle,
and reported progress in Leeds.

I am superintending the construction of a
large sketch map, designed to illustrate slavery
and Anti-slavery in the U. S. - the progress of
the slave power - the Underground Railway,
&c. One of my recent lectures has been pub-
lished. I will try to get it to you.

Lewis Tappan I perceive announces a new
work from the prolific pen of Wm. Goodell -
"The American Slave Code, in theory & practice."
If well done, this book will be of service to
us. I have seen "Slavery & Anti-slavery," &
do not like it, save in one particular,
namely, that it confirms my statement of
the nothingness of the Am. & Foreign A. S.
Society.

I have read with intense pleasure, as
far as published, the proceedings at the Annual
Meeting of the Imp. Society. The Resolu-
tions struck me as peculiarly excellent &
well timed, and the speeches as more than
usually appropriate and of high merits.

¹³ Your Annual address was very good.

The books on the subject of Spiritual Rappings
came safely to hand. All but one - Paine
in the Spirit world, 'are out amongst my
friends, and are creating much astonishment.
No communications have been granted to
me since I left your shores. There have
been advertisements in the London papers
inviting persons to pay a guinea a piece
for a place in "the circle" at the house of
some American at the West End, but I
have neither been nor heard of any one
else who has. If Caroline or Lucia has
seen any thing more remarkable than com-
mon, I should like to hear what it was.

We cannot complain of indifference to the
American slave question, in England, just now.
The subject is discussed in a thousand forms.
Even our Quaterlies are entertaining it, and
Blackwood, for many years the champion
amongst the monthlies, of the Proslavery
party, has an article to which with some excep-
tions, Garrison might put his name. Mr Stowe
and her brother Charles Beecher will I fear

be almost wholly in the hands (in this country) of those who have sought to depreciate & even destroy the true Anti-Slavery party in the U.S. Let our consolation be this - Uncle Tom's Cabin has awakened the sensibilities of thousands of persons who can never be made to feel any interest in past or present controversies, and who will in one way or another contribute to increase the amount & power of that public opinion on which we rely for the overthrow of the system.

I would say something about the folks at 24 ^{New} Old Broad Street, did I not know that your faithful correspondents, the Ebbens, are in the practice of supplying you with all needful intelligence of matters in that quarter. Things have been managed rather better since the exodus of John Scoble. I hear Scoble left his family in New York & proceeded himself to survey the promised land beyond Jordan. Have you obtained any tidings of the man?

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The results of your Bazaar justified our
fear. When I found you were going into the
Horticultural Hall, I feared your receipts
would fall below recent years, but by your
statement it appears you did well. I wish
I could accompany you to Blackstone,
Leominster, and other outlying parts, to
assist in the disposal of your surplus goods.
Poor Susan! How sorry I am to hear
of her indisposition. Let me tell you of a
good remedy for Rheumatism, before it
becomes chronic. Put some mustard br
into a foot bath - then pour boiling water
upon it - then let the patient put her feet
into it, and sit for 20 minutes or $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour
her body enveloped in heavy coverings and
a blanket drawn about her legs (propr
the word). The bath over, let her get into a
warm bed - swallow some gruel or other
nourishing mixture and then go to sleep.

A repentant brother's best love you all -
You live in my heart of hearts. Don't forget me
to father, mother, & Doctor. Geo. Thompson.